

Medical Audio-Transcription Level 2 – 06995 Spring 2010

General:

The standard of performance was not as good as in previous series. This could be due to candidates taking the exam before they were fully prepared. Those who failed often did because of accuracy and keying-in errors relating to non-medical words. It also appears that there are problems with candidates not listening accurately to the dictation.

Candidates are still failing to proofread their work and rely too much upon the spellchecker facility; this gave rise to omitted and/or additional words. There were mistakes when copying from the Candidate Information Sheet. Some candidates are showing that they have very little medical knowledge with regard to the terminology used within the exam. Medical dictionaries and general English dictionaries need to be available for candidates for reference.

Document 1:

Spelling errors in medical terminology commonly occurring were: coli-cystitis (cholecystitis); (colongitis/colonitis (cholangitis); ultra sound (ultrasound); obstructed (obstructive); nauseas (nauseous). Some candidates also omitted to key-in full the name "Stephen" in the address, using only the initial letter. Several candidates failed to spell "Bournemouth" correctly although it was on the information sheet.

Document 2:

The template of the memo was sometimes altered incurring a 4H fault; templates must not be changed in any way. Spelling errors in medical terminology commonly occurring were: macula (macular); correted/carotid/periodic (parotid); ptosis (pertussis); percent (per cent); vesicals (vesicles). In the second sentence of the first paragraph, the word "diseases" was keyed as "disease".

Document 3:

This document did not prove too much of a problem to candidates although some centred the main heading, thereby incurring a 4A fault. The main spelling errors which occurred were: choncha (concha); mucus (mucous) and nasal pharynx (nasopharynx); ustation (Eustachian); nayers/nairs (nares); residence (resonance); nasal lacrimal (nasolacrimal). In the final sentence of the document, some candidates failed to key-in an initial capital for "Eustachian" as on the Candidate Information Sheet.